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Mr. John R. Mengel, Chief Economist USDA/AMS/Dairy Programs Office of the Chief Economist STOP 0229- Room 2753 1400 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20250-0229

Dear Mr. Mengel:

I was a dairy farmer for 40 years. It is still sickening and almost criminal the lengths that various groups will go to trying to cheat the dairy farmer out of his hard earned income – be it those who want to pay him less for his product so they can make more or those who just want to drive him out of business completely.

In regard to whether Kosher or rbst–free dairy products should be included in the Dairy Product Prices Reports – please remember this: **THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS HORMONE-FREE MILK!** Every cow has its own personality and produces "its own specific amount of milk CONTAINING its OWN produced HORMONES".

So here they stand at your doorstep trying to persuade you to do their "dirty work" for them by eliminating a part of the dairy farmer's income base from the market place!

Regardless of what you call it, what label or "non-label" is used, **MILK IS MILK** and the dairy farmer has every right to expect that he will receive a FAIR PRICE FOR EVERY DROP OF MILK he sends to market.

Sincerely,

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